

Local High School Artist's' Piece on Display in Nation's Capitol

Washington, DC - South Gate resident Xochitl Castillo, who attends South Gate High School, is this year's winner of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez' Annual 39th Congressional District High School Arts Competition. Castillo's piece is called "Storyland."

"I love this competition because it shows me just how talented and creative our local students are," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez. "Xochitl is certainly a gifted artist. I am proud to see her work on display in the Capitol where my colleagues and I walk through every day on our way to work, and where thousands of tourists visit throughout the year."

Of over 100 entries received, Castillo's piece was selected by a panel of local art experts as the overall winner from seven artistic categories. Castillo and two guests attended a reception last week in Washington, D.C. Her artwork then went on display in the U.S. Capitol Building. Students from all over California's 39th District participated in the art competition.

After the awards announcement and local reception held at Cerritos College, Castillo's winning piece was sent to Washington, DC to hang in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Free air fare and lodging was provided for Castillo and one family member to travel to Washington for the official award presentation. The artwork of the second and third place finishers in the Congressional Arts Competition will be showcased in Congresswoman Sánchez' office in Cerritos.

"This is just one part of my effort to inspire our youth in their education and creative development," continued Sánchez.